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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 26, 2005, and a PTO Notice dated November 9, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 9, 2005, please enter the following response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fee is due in conjunction with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0499/WBP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.